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AUGUST AIR FREIGHT INDICATES A SLOWDOWN IN CARGO TRAFFIC

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 4, 1989- August air freight statistics show a slowdown in cargo traffic growth on U.S. scheduled airlines. Air freight in August registered a 1.4 percent gain. In comparison, first and second quarter air freight traffic increased 10.5 percent and 10.1 percent respectively.

Domestic air freight in August declined 1.7 percent, and mail increased 6.7 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail remained the same as that of last year.

International air freight for U.S. carriers in August was up 4.6 percent. Mail increased 12.1 percent, and total international cargo registered a 5.2 percent gain.

In the first eight months of this year, domestic and international freight increased 8.4 percent, and total cargo registered a 7.5 percent gain.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
AUGUST	1989	397,917	108,303	506,220	405,987	38,597	444,584	803,904	950,804
AUGUST	1988	404,887	101,521	506,408	387,981	34,444	422,425	792,868	928,833
PERCENT CHANGE		(1.7)	6.7	(0.0)	4.6	12.1	5.2	1.4	2.4
8 MONTHS	1989	3,247,141	854,204	4,101,345	3,253,884	298,903	3,552,787	6,501,025	7,654,132
8 MONTHS	1988	3,120,060	841,840	3,961,900	2,878,084	277,027	3,155,111	5,998,144	7,117,011
PERCENT CHANGE		4.1	1.5	3.5	13.1	7.9	12.6	8.4	7.5

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : USAir numbers include Piedmont, and Federal Express Numbers include Flying Tiger

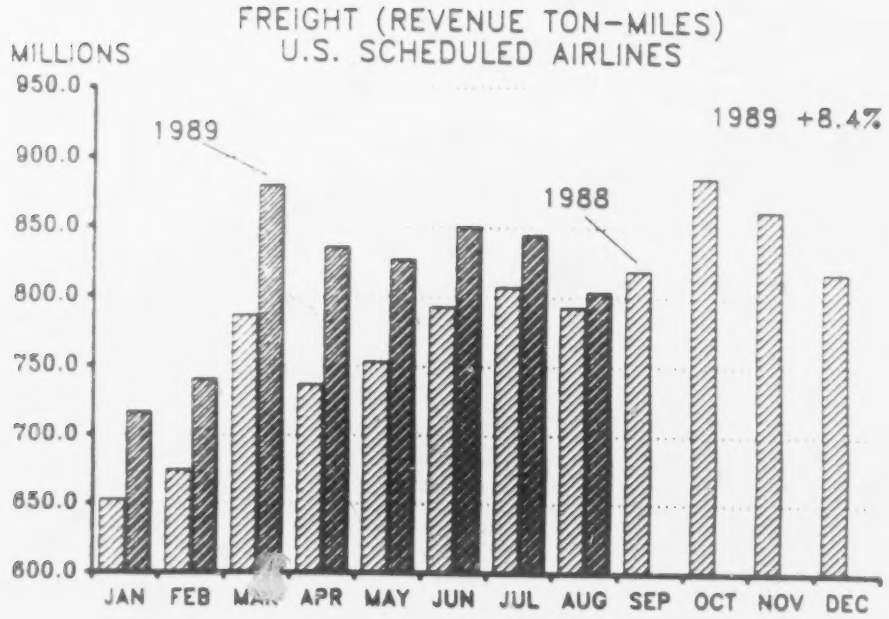
PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1988			
January	653,081	141,615	794,696
February	674,497	135,320	809,817
March	786,758	155,271	942,029
April	737,067	143,765	880,832
May	753,553	135,530	889,083
June	792,976	137,107	930,083
July	807,344	134,294	941,638
August	792,868	135,965	928,833
September	819,245	136,618	955,863
October	886,087	145,731	1,031,818
November	862,383	153,766	1,016,149
December	818,063	223,079	1,041,142
TOTAL 1988	9,383,922	1,778,061	11,161,983
Jan - Aug 1988	5,998,144	1,118,867	7,117,011
1989			
January	717,113	142,837	859,950
February	740,617	136,199	876,816
March	880,084	165,357	1,045,441
April	835,996	148,309	984,305
May	826,787	141,189	967,976
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	845,746	131,442	977,188
August	803,904	146,900	950,804
TOTAL 1989	6,501,025	1,153,107	7,654,132

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989/1988			
August	1.4	8.0	2.4
Jan - August	8.4	3.1	7.5


FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950.0
900.0
850.0
800.0
750.0
700.0
650.0
600.0
1989
1989 +8.4%
1988
JAN
FEB
MAR
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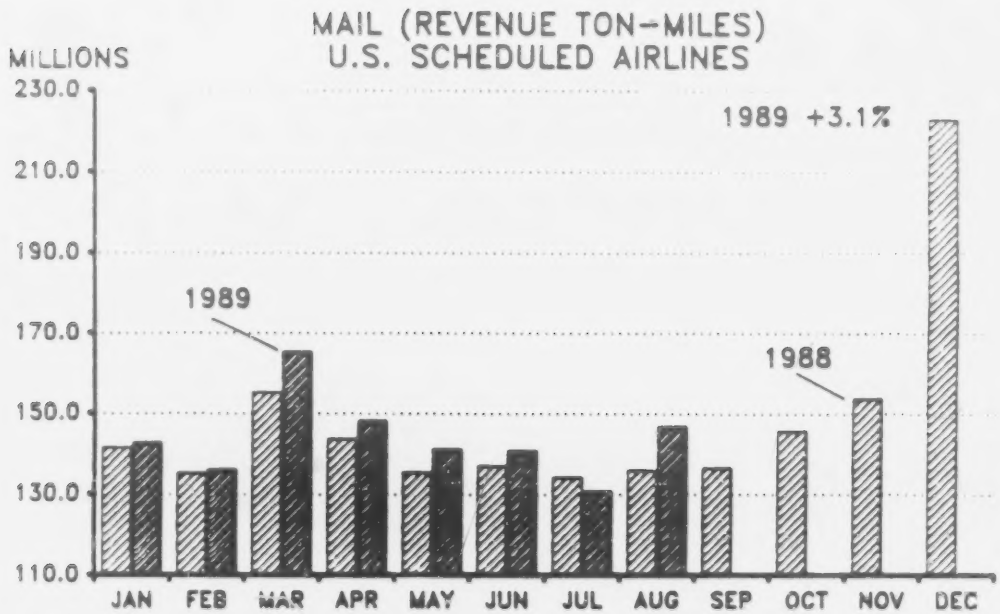
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
230.0
210.0
190.0
170.0
150.0
130.0
110.0
1989 +3.1%
1989
1988
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
AUG
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